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South African Radio League Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga
Member Society of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

November

24 & 25 - CQ WW DX CW Contest

30 - Closing date for AGM motions and Council nominations

December

1 - World Aids Day

Closing date HF Field Day logs

1 & 2 - ARRL 160 metre Contest

8 & 9 - ARRL 10 Metre Contest

9 - PEARS HF QSO Party

16 - Day of Reconciliation

17 - Public Holiday

25 - Christmas Day

26 - Family Day

31 - Closing of the 2007 CQ DX Marathon

JANUARY

1 - New Years Day; Start of

2008 CQ DX Marathon

9 Inland Schools open

12 & 13 Hunting Lions in the Air

16 Coastal Schools open

18 - 20 PEARS National

VHF/UHF Contest

26 & 27 CQ 160 metre CW Contest; UBA SSB DX Contest

Santa Claus Land to be on the Air!

Juha, OH9MM, informs readers: "As we all know the real Santa Claus comes from Finland! Santa Claus Land, OH9SCL, will be again active during this December from the Arctic circle. Activity will be on 160 - 10 metres on CW, SSB and the Digital modes." Among others, Santa's helpers will include OH3BHL, OH9KL, OH9MDV, OH9MM and OH9RJ. QSL via OH9UV.

A Medal of Thanks

A ham who was involved in the creation of the CEPT licensing structure has been honoured at the 2007 World Administrative Radio Conference in Geneva.

During the Conference, IARU Region 1 President, Ole Garpstaad, LA2RR, presented this years IARU Region 1 Medal to Rudolf Rieder who was the chairman of the CEPT working group concerned with radio amateur regulations. The award was made in recognition of the work Rudolf did in incorporating the new privileges for radio amateurs in the CEPT recommendations T/R 61-01 and 61-02 following the last World Radiocommunication Conference.

Revillagigedo, 6E

Members of the radio club "Federacion Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores" (FMRE) will activate Socorro Island (NA-030, WLOTA LH-2941, WW Loc. DK48ms) in the Revillagigedo (XF4) Island group, between mid-November and mid-December. The team departed onboard "Manzanillo" on 17 November heading towards Clarion Island (IOTA NA-115). The team expects to arrive on Tuesday 20 November at 14:00 UTC and expects to start passing out 6E4LM QSOs around 15:00 - 16:00 UTC. They will remain on Clarion Island approximately 24 hours. While operating, the ship will continue on to Socorro Island to drop off food and fuel before returning to Clarion on Wednesday 21 November. They will leave Clarion Island around 14:00 UTC and expect to arrive on Socorro Island on Thursday 22 November (at approximately 14:00 - 15:00 UTC). The team will remain on Socorro Island for approximately 30 days, airing the call signs 6E4LM, XF4YK and XF4YW. To read



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unedited updates and news, visit the DXpeditions web page at www.6e4lm.xedx.org

Team members include Carlos, XE1YK (team leader and FMRE President), Manuel, XE1VVD, Eduardo, XE2YW and Daniel, XE3RBA. QSL direct to XE2K - Jose Hector Garcia M., P.O. Box 73, El Centro, CA., 92244-0073, USA. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW after all direct QSLs have been sent. The pilot stations for the DXpedition are XE1J and XE1GRR.

African OX

Islands around Africa do not count for the SARL All Africa Award

Canary Islands, EA8, AF-004. A group of RRDXA members will hit the airwaves with three or four stations signing ED8A in the M/M category of the CQ WW CW Contest. Operators will be DK3QZ, DL1EMH, DL3HAH, DL3QQ, PA0R and DL5XX. The operators can be found working as EA8/homecalls in CW on all bands before the CQ WW. Photo QSLs for ED8A will be sent automatically via bureau and the log will be uploaded to the LoTW. More information at www.rrdxa.de

Gambia, C5. Jan, PA4JJ reports that his C56JJ operation from The Gambia is now scheduled to take place on 1 - 11 December. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (on-line form for bureau cards can be found at <http://c56jj.pa4jj.nl>). Please note that a minimum of 2 USD is requested for direct QSLing outside Europe. Proceeds beyond return postage will be donated to the Baobab Nursery School project, for more information, visit www.gambiahulp.nl/.

Ghana, 9G. Alan, G3XAQ is active as 9G5XA from Accra from 12 to 26 November. He will use mainly CW. He plans to be an entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide CW contest as a Single Op/Single Band entry. Outside the contest, Alan will concentrate on 30 and 17 metres. QSL via G3SWH.

Guinea, 3X. The "Voodoo Contest Group" was working as TZ5A from Mali during the last two WW DX CW Contests. They have left equipment there weighing more than a ton, which has to be moved to Guinea now. The team of AA7A, K5VT, G3SXW, G4BWP, G4IRN, GM3YTS, K4UEE and KC7V will start in the M/M class.

They have two monoband yagis and six amplifiers for six bands and their contest call will be 3XY5D. QSLs via home calls, 3XY5D via G3SXW, LoTW or it may be requested also online at www.grz.com/g3sxw. AA7A and KC7V also plan to make several experiments via EME using 3XT1. Their arrival in Conakry is scheduled for 18 Nov, the activities will last until 30 Nov. More info at www.voodoocontestgroup.com

Mali, TZ. Mac, TZ6JA will be back to Mali from 22 November to 14 December, and hopes to be active during his stay. On 1 - 12 December he will be working in a small village 150 km east of Bamako, with no electricity. He will take a generator to supply a 500 watt amplifier, and will install a 2-element phased vertical for 80 and 40 metres, and a 7-element log periodic for 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL direct only to Makoto Obara, PO Box 59, Tama, Tokyo, 206-8691 Japan.

Mauritania, 5T. Andreas, DL7ZZ, informs that a German team is planning a DXpedition to Nouakchott, Mauritania, between 16 and 30 March 2008. The current team of operators are Rich, DK8YY, Rene, DL2JRM, Ralf, DL3JJ, Ingolf, DL4JS, Dan, DL5SE and Andreas, DL7ZZ. All team members are well known for their DXpeditions and contesting, and they would like to



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provide 5T as a new one to those who need it. Operating location will be nearby the Atlantic Sea, so there will be enough space for their antenna systems especially for the low bands. The team is expecting their license very soon. They plan to have 3 stations on the air; 2 with amplifiers. For operations on the low bands 2 verticals (V160 and V80) will be erected, and on 40m they will use 2 phased verticals. For 30 - 10 metres, they will set up 2 beams, and for the digital station there will be another ground-plane. They will try to have an online log available that will be updated daily via I-net or pactor. A Web page will be updated with all information about the DXpedition at www.5t2008.de. QSL via DH7WW, by the bureau or direct. The team is looking for sponsors and donations.

Mauritius, 3B8, AF-049. OM2FU and OM2TW will stay on Mauritius (AF-049) from 17 to 30 November. Listen for them mainly in RTTY and on the low bands.

Morocco, CN. Stefano, IK2QEI, will be active as CN3A during the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest, 24 and 25 November as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via I2WIJ.

Mozambique, C9. Wayne, W5KDJ, is active from Mozambique signing C91KDJ from 15 to 28 November. He will work especially on CW (and some RTTY) and mainly on 80 and 160 m using a 22 m vertical with more than 50 radials. Usually he works split listening up to 15 kHz up. QSL via W5KDJ, also eQSL and LoTW. You can check also his website at www.tdxs.net/c91kdj.html

Namibia, V5. Klaus, DJ4SO is active as V5/DJ4SO while working from a farm in Matunda until 3 December. Activity is on 160 to 6 metres using CW, RTTY and PSK-31 with some SSB. He will also be active in the upcoming CQ WW CW contest.

Senegal, 6W. Jovica, T98A (ex 9K2/T94FC, STORM, ST2A, T94FC), who received his 6W1SJ license, will be active during the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest, 24 and 25 November, as a Single-Op/Single-Band (40 m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via T93Y: Boris Knezovic, PO Box 59, BA-71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Bureau and E-mail requests are OK (t93y@lol.ba or boris@t93y.com). Jovica will stay in Senegal for at least two years with great possibilities to activate other West Africa countries. Outside of the contest, look for him to be active on CW with some SSB and digital modes.

Seychelles, S7, AF-024. Andy, UA3AB, and Harry, RA3AUU, will be active as S79AB and S79UU on 10 - 160 m from 19 to 28 Nov. Besides of their CQ WW participation they are focusing on the low bands. The QSL manager is UA3DX.

Swaziland, 3DA. Marko, N5ZO/OH6DO, will be active as 3DA0ZO during the CQ World Wide DX CW Contest, 24 and 25 November, as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via OH0XX, by the bureau or direct to his Panama address - Olli Rissanen, Apartado 0860-00432, Villa Lucre, Panama.

Tanzania, 5H. Hans, DL7CM says that he has received his old licence from Nov/Dec 2005 again, this time for his new operation from 13 to 24 Jan 2008. He says it will again be a one-man holiday operation "my wife and I." The call is 5H1CM and Hans will operate from 160 - 6 metres, mainly on the low bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. He will be using a ICOM IC-706 with a 800 watt amplifier, a 31 metre long sloper for 160 and 80 and other wire antennas. Hans says "last time my MOSFET-linear was broken on the 2nd day. I hope the tube-amp will stay longer...."

Hans and his wife will be staying at Uroa, grid KI93. QSL via DL7CM and more in-



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formation can be found at www.qsl.net/dl7cm/5H1.htm

Tunisia, 3V. Alex, 6MODHZ, has started his five-week holiday in Tunisia on 19 Nov. He plans to activate the club station 3V8SS from time to time on CW and SSB on 80 - 10 m (maybe also 160 m).

Uganda, 5X. Nick, G3RWF will be active as 5X1NH as a Single Op/Low Power entry in the CQ WW CW contest. He is here until 30 November and is also active on all HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL to home call.

Iraq on the Air again

The Iraqi government has reopened the amateur radio service as of 20 November 2007, after a ban was placed on the service earlier in the year.

Pierre, ZS1HF is active from Baghdad, Iraq as YI9HF. He will operate mostly around 14.340 and 21.340 MHz. Contact Pierre via e-mail at pierre.tromp@gmail.com to arrange a sked. Pierre says he is looking forward to work ZS-land.

Scott, AD7MI will be operating as YI9MI from Camp Taji until 15 May 2008. Expect activity on 10 - 80 metres SSB, CW, PSK-31 and RTTY. QSL via AD7MI.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 22 to 29 October 2007

NCCC CW Sprint
03:30 - 04:00 UTC 23 Nov
Mode: CW
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 25 November 2007
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
www.hornucopia.com/3830score/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rules.htm

CQ Worldwide DX CW Contest
00:00 UTC 24 Nov to 24:00 UTC 25 Nov
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band (QRP/Low/High); Single Op Single Band (QRP/Low/High); Single Op Assisted All Band; Single Op Assisted Single Band; Multi-Single; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi

Max power: HP: 1500 watts; LP: 100 watts;
QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST and CQ Zone No
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 0 points per QSO with same country (counts as mult); 1 point per QSO with different country same continent; 2 points per QSO with different country same continent (NA); 3 points per QSO with different continent
Multipliers: Each CQ zone once per band; Each country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 15 January 2008
E-mail logs to: cw@cqww.com
Mail logs to: CQWW CW, CQ Magazine, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801, USA
Find rules at: www.cq-amateur-radio.com/CQWWDXContestRules8407.pdf

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
00:00 - 24:00 UTC 25 Nov
Mode: CW



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Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: Name, state, province or country and SKCC No or power
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; Bonus Points: 5 points per Centurion member QSO per band; Bonus Points: 10 points per Tribune member QSO per band; Bonus Points: 25 points per QSO with SKCC club call per band
 Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 2 December 2007
 E-mail log summary to: bill@nt9k.com
 Post log summary at: www.nt9k.com/skcc/sf.htm
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.nt9k.com/skcc/wknd-sprint-rules.html

Next Week's Contests

SKCC Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 28 Nov
 ARCI Topband Sprint, 00:00 - 06:00 UTC 29 Nov
 ARRL 160-Meter Contest, 22:00 UTC 30 Nov to 16:00 UTC 2 Dec
 TARA RTTY Melee, 00:00 - 24:00 UTC 1 Dec
 Wake-Up! QRP Sprint, 04:00 - 04:29 UTC 1 Dec; 04:30 - 04:59 UTC 1 Dec; 05:00 - 05:29 UTC 1 Dec and 05:30 - 06:00 UTC 1 Dec
 TOPS Activity Contest, 18:00 UTC 1 Dec to 18:00 UTC 2 Dec
 ARS Spartan Sprint, 02:00 - 04:00 UTC 4 Dec

A Bit Later Than Next Week

30 Nov - Closing date for motions for 2008 SARL AGM and Council nominations
 30 Nov - Inland & Coastal Schools close
 1 & 2 Dec - ARRL 160 Metre
 8 & 9 Dec - ARRL 10 Metre
 9 Dec - PEARS HF QSO Party

The RSGB is on the move

After twenty-five years at Potters Bar, the RSGB is moving its headquarters to Bedford. Modern IT technology and business practice, mean that Lambda House is no longer cost effective to run as an HQ and due to the age of the building it is proving increasingly costly to maintain. The move, which the Society hopes to complete by March 2008, will also involve a relocation of the museum, shack and library. Discussions are taking place with the Bletchley Park Trust, the aim being to establish a heritage centre dedicated to Amateur Radio and the RSGB at Bletchley Park. The Society is in the process of purchasing a modern office building located on the Priory Park, Business Park on the eastern side of Bedford. This will house the admin operation.

It is envisaged that the Bletchley Park site will be the centre of the Society's training activities and will be the home of the RSGB HQ station GB3RS, which it is hoped, will be on the air daily. A fuller statement will appear, on the RSGB website and RadCom shortly.



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